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In re Application of: )

Franklin Okumu )

Serial No. 09/839,684 )

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Examiner Jeffrey E. Russel

Group Art Unit No. 1653

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 27, 2002 Applicant respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

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